

THE BEST EASTER IN THE ENTIRE WORLD

In Hellín, we celebrate the Easter in a very original way, in Easter everybody who lives in this city dresses with black robes and a red neckerchief. We also carry a drum which in these days is converted in our best friend. We have an entire week for playing the drums and enjoying watching the processions of Nazarenes.

We only play the drums the "Viernes de Dolor" night, from 3 p.m. to 12p.m on "miércoles Santo", the morning and the afternoon of the Good Friday, all the night on Easter Saturday and the morning in Easter Sunday.

The best thing of these days is that everybody is on the streets playing the drums and you can meet a lot of people from every place of the world. You have party all nights, you can go out; it is one of the most important moments in all the year in our city. When you are playing the drums is like if you were another person, it is a different style of life, that is why most of people here like this. One of the best moments in all the Easter for me is on Easter Sunday, when every drummer is waiting for the "Cristo Resucitado" and "La Dolorosa" to meet. When the two Saints (statues representing part of our Easter story) are one opposite the other, one huge balloon with the colors of the city's flag is opened and many doves appeared and start to fly. In that moment all the drummers who till that moment were in complete silence start to play the drums, all at the same time... It's really striking and marvelous, I always cry.

The only defect is that it is too noisy, but at least it has to have one defect. But, in fact, when you are used to this, you really love this marvelous noise.

In these days we are used to eating "empanadillas" which are stuffed with tuna, potato, tomato and egg; we also eat "panecicos dulces" which are made of dough and egg, you fry them, and then you put them in a recipient where there is water, stick cinnamon, lemon and orange peel which are previously boiled.

So, if you want to have a great time and eat so well you have to come!

Welcome to the best party in the entire world!!

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